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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0047] Other methods known in the art for providing a hydrogel polymer coating on the surface of a substrate may also be adapted to provide a hydrogel polymer coating on an implantable or insertable medical device in accordance with the present invention. For example, it is also possible to polymerize the hydrogel polymer on the surface of the medical device by contacting the medical device, or portion thereof to be coated with the hydrogel polymer, with a solution, dispersion or emulsion containing a polymerizable monomer or a mixture of polymerizable monomers and any other optional reagents such as cross-linking reagents, initiators, etc., and thereafter causing polymerization to occur *in situ* on the surface of the medical device. The polymerizable monomer may also be deposited on the surface of the medical device by, for example, plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD) or other methods known in the art. The polymerization reaction occurring on the surface of the medical device may be triggered by, for example, heating the coated medical device or exposing the coated medical device to light of an appropriate frequency. Other methods known in the art for causing polymerization to occur on a substrate may be adapted to provide a hydrogel polymer on the surface of an implantable or insertable medical device in accordance with the present invention.